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FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJECT: MBFR NEGOTIATIONS: SUMMARY REPORT FOR PERIOD APRIL 3-4, 1975

1. THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED, WITH THE APRIL 3

PLENARY MEETING, AFTER A LONG WEEKEND PAUSE FOR EASTER.

THERE WAS NO INFORMAL MEETING THIS WEEK;

THE NEXT INFORMAL IS SLATED FOR APRIL 8. THE CURRENT

FIFTH ROUND OF THE VIENNA TALKS WILL GO INTO SPRING

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RECESS FOLLOWING THE APRIL 17 PLENARY SESSION, RESUMING

ON MAY 15.

2. AT THIS WEEK'S PLENARY SESSION, THE ONLY STATEMENT WAS PRESENTED BY THE HUNGARIAN REP. PETRAN BEGAN HIS STATEMENT BY NOTING THAT A TURN IS UNDERWAY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, FROM THE DAYS OF THE COLD WAR TO COOPERATION ON THE BASIS OF PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE. THE EAST WISHED TO SUPPLEMENT POLITICAL DETENTE BY MEASURES OF MILITARY DETENTE. HE SAID THE CONCRETE AIM OF THE VIENNA TALKS WAS AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS OF ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE. ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS AIM REQUIRED STRICT OBSERVATION OF THE AGREED PRINCIPLES OF MUTUALITY AND UNDIMINISHED SECURITY, PROCEEDING FROM THE CURRENT RELATIONSHIP OF FORCES BETWEEN THE TWO POLITICAL MILITARY GROUPINGS.

3. HUNGARIAN REP WENT ON TO REBUT ALLIED CLAIMS REGARDING FORCE DISPARITIES, QUOTING THE JUNE 1974 ATLANTIC DECLARATION, DECEMBER 1974 DPC MINISTERIAL COMMUNIQUE AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S FEBRUARY 20 TESTIMONY TO CONGRESS, AS SPEAKING OF AN EXISTING BALANCE OF FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE. PETRAN SOUGHT TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ALLIED CLAIMS OF DISPARITIES WERE CONTRIVED.

4. PETRAN ASSERTED THAT THE ALLIED APPROACH TO THE GEOGRAPHIC FACTOR WAS ONE-SIDED AND ARBITRARY, AND ENUMERATED ALLEGED OFFSETTING GEOGRAPHIC FACTORS SUCH AS US MILITARY BASES IN EUROPE. PETRAN SAID THE ALLIED APPROACH WAS UNREALISTIC AND COULD IN NO WAY FACILITATE PROGRESS IN THE VIENNA TALKS. HUNGARIAN REP CLOSED BY RECALLING NOVEMBER 8, 1973 EASTERN DRAFT PROGRAM AND BY NOTING BRIEFLY THE ADVANTAGES OF OTHER EASTERN FIRST STEP AND FREEZE PROPOSALS. RESOR

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